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## EGYPTIAN WINS GOLD MEDAL IN PRESS ASSOCIATION FOR-AGORA-ILL DEBATING TEAMS TO MEET MONDAY, APRIL 14

### SHOULD ARMED INTERVENTION IN HAITI CEASE, IS DEBATE SUBJECT

#### CAREFULLY TRAINED TEAMS PREPARE FOR BATTLE ROYAL IN MANUAL ARTS BLDG

The topic for the For-Agora-Ill debate, an annual event that holds the complete attention of the members of the Southern Illinois Teachers College debaters is, Resolved, That armed intervention by the United States of America in Haiti should cease. (This does not include formal declaration of war on the Dominican Republic.) The debates will be held Monday, April 14 at 7:30 p. m. in rooms in the new Chemistry and Manual Arts Building.

The Illini coaches are, Miss Jonah, and Dr. Holt and the Forum coaches are Miss Barbour, and Dr. Beyer.

The judges were chosen by vote of the For-Agora-Ill members Tuesday afternoon.

The Illini team consists of Margaret Wood, Fern Haney, Bernice Meyers, and Ilif Wells, with Margaret Armentrout and Lucy Glasscock as alternates.

The Forum team consists of Guy Neal, Everett Savage, Ralph Ward, and Fred Shappard, with Venice Brink and Eschol Perry as alternates.

A great deal of preparation has been made to have this an outstanding debate in the history of each of these societies. Not only has the material in our own library been utilized, but current newspapers, magazines, and books from other sources have been brought and studied with (Continued on Page Six.)

### Cape Girardeau Here In Dual Meet Friday

Friday the Maroon track team will open the 1930 track season when they meet Cape Girardeau in a dual engagement on the home field. After only a few weeks of training preliminary tryouts were made last week in several events to select the three most promising candidates. There is an apparent weakness in the distance runs and most strength is shown in the field event. Capt. Bricker, Martin, Lauder, and Watson are probable winners in this department. Coach Lingle will know more about what to expect after they meet Cape, Friday. The fact that Cape has several good men again is all that we know about them.

Two years ago Cape won a close early season meet down there, 67 1/2 to 66 1/2.

### Tennis Team to Have Coach This Season

Tennis players are practicing daily with the hope of making the school team in this sport. An excellent schedule of meets has been arranged and for the first time the tennis players are to have a coach to help them develop into a real team.

Since quite a number of them have shown an interest, a meeting has been held to organize practice periods. Three of the courts will be in fairly good shape for early meets if it does not rain too much. Nearly all of last year's squad are back; the number includes Wilson, and Champ, state doubles champions.

A tournament composed of twenty-two players was started last fall term but left unfinished on account of the weather. This will be completed and another will probably be held to determine the most promising players for the team. The first meet is on the home court with the Cape, April 23.

### W. A. A. Candidates Make Announcements

Big Election! Wednesday, April 9, is the day of the election of officers in the Womens' Athletic Association. Only members who have paid their dues for the spring term get a ballot. If you have not paid up bring your quarter to the meeting at 4:15 Wednesday.

The candidates for the offices are: President, Lucille Kimmy, Lorraine Powers.

Vice President, Martha Logan, Lilian Alvis.

Secretary, Elma Tribb, Mildred Glenn.

Treasurer, Mary Shappard, Mary Colombo, Mary E. Helm.

### MISS SCOTT EXPLAINS TRAITS OF HEREDITY

A meeting of the Science Club was held Wednesday, March 26, during the chapel hour.

Miss Scott of the Science department gave a paper on research work covering a period of three years. The subject discussed by this paper was Traits of Heredity, which is the theme of Miss Scott's thesis for her Masters Degree.

### Noted Speakers to Help Dedicate New Hall

Strut and Fret will hold its formal opening of its new room in Chemistry building tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Samuel Scott of St. Louis will be the speaker of the evening. Her subject will be "The Well-bred and Ill-bred Audience"; and in this she will include intimate and interesting glimpses of personal interviews with authors and producers of the newest plays in New York.

The club has sent out special invitations to the faculty and certain people in the town who are particularly interested in the drama. The members voted at their last meeting to give a general invitation to those students who had had the course in Modern Drama and those who are interested in any kind of dramatics.

### Prof. G. M. Browne Reviews "Blair's Attic" for South Side Club

The South Side Club met last Thursday evening at the home of Professor and Mrs. S. E. Boomer. The feature of the evening was a book review by Professor G. M. Browne. The book chosen by Mr. Browne was "Blair's Attic," by Joseph Lincoln. Sixteen members were present. After the program the hostess, Mrs. Boomer, served refreshments. This club has been meeting twice monthly since 1912 and is unique in that it has no officers.

### STATE OFFICER SPEAKS TO AG CLUB MEMBERS

Last Thursday evening at 7:00 o'clock the Ag Club and Commercial Club held a joint meeting. Music was furnished by Mr. Frank Dunlap with the guitar and Mr. Clarence Pape with an accordion. Both clubs being interested in the industry of Southern Illinois, they jointly invited Mr. R. S. Jones of Flora, Ill., to be the speaker of the evening. Mr. Jones is Field Secretary for the thirty-four Southern Illinois counties which comprise District No. 1 of the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce. He gave a very interesting talk on "Industrial Movement of Southern Illinois." He explained how Southern Illinois has gained in power production from infancy to one of the greatest power producing centers of the world. He said that the waterways, highways, and railways have come and gone and come again to be a very great asset to this end of the state.

### NORMAL PAPER RECEIVES THIRD IN TEACHERS COLLEGE SECTION

#### Y. W. C. A. Installs Next Year's Officers

The Y. W. C. A. installed its officers for the coming year, Tuesday, March 25, with an impressive candle light service. At this time, Opal Kern, the retiring president, surrendered the candle of authority to the president-elect, Helen Crisp. Other officers installed were: Ruby Herrington, vice president; Ione Rayburn, secretary; Neva Burnette, treasurer. The new cabinet consists of Florence Young, Program chairman; Severn Berdrick, Worship chairman; Thelma Hatch, Social chairman; Ione Rayburn, Finance chairman; Fern Haney, Membership chairman; Ruby Herrington, Publicity chairman; Ruth Pierce, Social service; Jeanette Evans, Freshman chairman.

Advisors for this new year are Miss Wilcox, Mrs. Wright, Miss Carpenter, Miss Power, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Barrow, Mrs. Means and Mrs. McIntosh. The program for Tuesday, April 1, consisted of an address by Mr. Minter, Student Volunteer Secretary of the Y. M. and Y. W. This was a joint meeting of the Y. M. and Y. W. commemorating World Fellowship Day.

### Sorority Initiates Last Term's Pledges

The Delta Sigma Epsilon Sorority initiated Miss Maurine Webb of West Frankfort, Ill., and Miss Joan Lonzeay of Belleville, Ill., Sunday evening at six o'clock. The initiation followed a trial week from April the first to seventh during which time many strange things happened—from wearing dresses backwards, arms in slings, and no make-up, to entertaining with songs anywhere, at any time they were so requested by the members. The sorority has pledged only one girl this term, Miss Florence Young, of Dupe, as it already has its equivalent of actives according to the national rules.

### HIGH SCHOOL PLEASES STATE INSPECTOR

Mr. Harry M. Thrasher, high school inspector, visited us Friday. It is just once in three years that the inspector comes. He commented very favorably on the entire high school management.

#### OFFICIAL SCORE CARD SHOWS THAT EGYPTIAN RANKS HIGH IN MANY FEATURES

In the recent Sixth Annual Contest of the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, the official student publication of the Southern Illinois State Normal University, won third place in the Teachers' College section. This is quite an accomplishment in view of the fact that it was a nation-wide contest. The Egyptian will receive a gold medal for a prize.

Much more important than the gold medal was the official score card which was received. This card contains much valuable information concerning what made our publication one of the best and also some items that detracted from our score.

Concerning the make-up or general appearance and from the judges found that the front page was well balanced and typographically attractive; the editorial page was well arranged and contained nothing which should belong elsewhere; the sports, features, and other pages conform to good typographical arrangement.

The headlines were appropriate, informative, and in good taste. The stories contained good English and were readable. Our Book Review and Readers' Bait, and Inquiring Reporter columns received favorable comment. In commenting upon our humor section they said, "The Sphinx is alive."

The sports section received unusual (Continued on Page Five)

### Gamma Sigma Delta Honors Mr. Muckelroy

It will be of special interest to the friends of Professor R. E. Muckelroy to note that he has just recently received word from the secretary of Gamma Sigma Delta, a National Honorary Fraternity of Agriculture, that he has been elected to its membership. This fraternity fosters high standards of scholarship and is open only to faculty members of Colleges of Agriculture and to Alumni who have rendered signal service to the cause of Agriculture. It is quite complimentary to the S. I. N. U. Agriculture department that its head should be elected to a fraternity whose standards are so high.



ALLYN BUILDING ADDED TO CAMPUS IN 1909

By 1909 there were three buildings on the campus: the Main Building, the old Science Building, and the Library Building. In that year a fourth, the Allyn Building, was added. Up till this time the Training School had been on the first floor of the Main Building, a very unsatisfactory place for the little folks because of insufficient light, imperfect ventilation, and unsanitary conditions in general. In order to remedy matters the forty-fifth General Assembly was asked to make an appropriation of \$50,000.00 for the erection of a special home for this important department of our institution. The result was the Allyn Building you see, today, where so many of us learn to wield the rod and rule before venturing out to teach. The bill was passed and approved by Governor Charles S. De- neen on May 27, 1907.

Because this was to be a building in which prospective teachers were to be trained, it was fitting that the corner stone should be laid by a representative of the Alumni Association. The members selected to perform this task was a member of the first graduating class, Miss Mary Wright, of Cobden, Illinois. These exercises were held June 4, 1908.

By 1909 the building was completed and the dedication exercises were

held January 11, 1909. Superintendent Francis G. Blair, Hon. William F. Bunday, President of the Board, and Professor Samuel E. Harwood, Superintendent of the Training School were the speakers.

It was a very appropriate expression of the esteem in which Robert Allyn, first president of the Southern Illinois Normal University, was held to name this home of the Training School the Allyn Building.

## Student Opinion

Since it has become possible to actually flunk a course in physical training at the Southern Illinois Teachers College there has been much student comment on the subject. In order to ascertain some real argument either for or against the action, a number of students have been asked the question: "Should a student be allowed to flunk a course in physical education or not?" Some of the answers which merit consideration are reproduced here:

It is actually absurd to allow a student to flunk a course in physical education. The whole object of the course is to keep one in good physical condition. If a student is in a class in physical training for twelve weeks, is it positive that he will not suffer from under-exercise for a year or two at the very least. So then, whether he learns to do the neck stand, the shoulder spring or the neck spring, he gets exercise. That is the object of the course. He should get credit.—C. B.

Flunk a physical education course? You make me laugh! Really you do! Of course one should not be allowed to flunk a physical education class. One doesn't get any credit for it, then why allow him to flunk it? Of course it is required, but the requirement is that one must have so many hours of work in physical training—not that he make a grade in the course. Why not begin training folks for the circus? If that is the object of the physical training given here, then it is well enough to allow one to fail the course, otherwise not.—D. A.

Why not flunk the course if you fail to do passing work even though it is physical education? Is there any reason why one should be given a credit in anything just because it is difficult or he doesn't like it? Why not excuse the freshmen from rhetoric or chemistry? There are easier courses. Of course I'd see to it that every lad and every girl did creditable work in the physical education classes before getting his or her sheepskin.—G. T.

And suppose one didn't get his work in physical education done well and did flunk, what then? I know fellows who, although there are no physical defects in their make-up couldn't possibly make a grade in a gym class. It is ridiculous to think of their trying to do some of the stunts that p. e. instructors think their charges should. And if one is excused, why not all? The thing that should be done is give corrective exercises when needed, and cut out the rest of the physical education that is given here in school. We're not training to be prize fighters, but teachers. A half century ago, when teachers had to knock down and drag out, that sort of course might have been practical, but now.—B. R.

## MANUAL ARTS MACHINES MOVED TO NEW BUILDING

It takes time to occupy a new building even when the plans are carefully made. More than a month ago some of the machinery was moved out of the manual arts department in the old Science building into the new building. Since that time various pieces of machinery have been taken into their new location as rapidly as possible; the past week some of the heaviest machinery of the manual arts department was transferred to the new building. Mr. Petersen is now holding his classes there.

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### Shower Given for Two Faculty Members

April, with all its showers, is really here. Last Saturday evening Miss Fox and Miss Myer were caught in a shower of a very surprising nature. As guests of honor they were invited to attend a party given by Misses Clark, King, Kiedell, Van Trump, Mrs. Rogers, and Miss Entsminger. The other guests were the lady members of the faculty and the mothers of Misses Fox and Myer. The evening was spent in piecing quilts. After refreshments were served the bride-to-be were showered with presents and the good wishes of all the guests. Seated on thrones under large green and yellow umbrellas with gold hearts falling down over them, the prospective brides were presented with the gifts. This proved to be an April shower in which they were glad to be caught.

The color scheme for decorating the house was green and yellow, to carry out the colors of spring. Even the quilts on which the guests spent the evening, working for the bride-to-be, carried out the color scheme—one green and one white and the other was yellow and white. The favors were tiny green and yellow umbrellas filled with mints.

"Do you read Poe?"  
Now, I read pretty good."

### Zetetic Society Enjoys Concertina

One of the best Zetetic programs of the season was given last Wednesday night. The first number was a group of concertina selections by Dean Getz, an ever increasing popular entertainer on the campus.

A rather unusual and entirely interesting subject was discussed by Harry Cutler—The Unsealing of the Mormon Temple, a thing which, of course, cannot be done by other than Mormons themselves. He described the interior of the Temple near Phoenix, Arizona, at Mesa.

Marion Harris gave quite an interesting account of the play, The Meteor. The leading character was instilled with the belief that he, being he, could accomplish anything—he almost could.

The concluding number of the program (this will be of particular interest to many alumni readers) was a vocal solo by Tom Whittenburg, accompanied by Mrs. Mathis. Tom was in school a few years ago when his voice then became so well known and liked that its beauty is traditional. He sang Over the Chimney and as an encore, I Love You Truly (and he really must or else he is an expert expressionist.)

A variety of additional music was furnished by the orchestra.

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## Among Our Rural Practice Schools

There were twenty parents and friends present at the March meeting of the P. T. A. of Dist. 92. Following a short program consisting of poems given by representatives of the various Language classes and songs by the school, Mrs. Armstrong gave a demonstration of the serving of a formal luncheon. She illustrated her talk by setting the table correctly, then serving an eighth grade pupil as guest. The large group of upper grade girls were very much interested with the talk.

Mrs. Norton talked on the subject: "How Can We Make Our School Grounds More Beautiful." After her short talk the parents voted to come back Arbor day and plant trees and shrubs on the school grounds.

Dr. Merwin gave a very interesting talk on How the Indians Helped in the Settlement of Southern Illinois.

The Wagner boys defeated the Foreville team in a basketball game last week. Mr. Ragsdale, critic at Wgner, has been ill with tonsilitis, but is again able to be at his place.

The Pleasant Hill basketball team defeated the Bridge team, 14-2 Monday.

The Physiology 5-6 class at Foreville are making a health poster of good health habits covering the year's work.

Recently the pupils who were present spelled every word correctly for three weeks.

The Language classes have just completed writing some poetry.

### GLADE NOTES

We now have a new roof of tarred shingles. We found it as a surprise when we returned from Spring vacation.

We have two new students from Carbondale schools, Bobbie and Helen Phelps.

Thieves broke off the baskets from our new basketball goals.

Our room has been beautifully decorated by sweet peas made by the children.

Little brown crepe paper owls made by the construction classes stare from all our windows.

Horseshoe and washer pitching, along with rope skipping are now the favorite play period sports.

## READER'S BAIT

This is the season of the year when hoboes are likely to be seen wandering around from place to place, shoddily attired, with expressions on their faces that seem to say that just beyond—just round the bend—is happiness complete. Something about this wanderlust is appealing to all of us in one way or another. It may seem that the tramps have chosen a poor way to satisfy their desires, but it cannot be denied that there is much romance in meandering the country in a care-free manner. These highways that form a network thru our country are huge avenues of travel for the hobo. Right here, among us, we have the wild romance if we put have the eye to see it. "Along the Tracks" is a story of hoboes. It appears in the April issue of Scribner's and is written by W. R. Burnett. Here we have a very satisfying story of hobo life. The character work is usually good. There is Paddy the Pig, with his silk shirt—but he calls it a shirt—and a gang of other "obes" who talk in a thoroughly characteristic manner. There are Mary—not a girl, but a tramp who has been nicknamed, and his pal who come in late for something to eat. The hobo gang has "glommed"

enough food that day to make a pail of stew, and there is a big demand for it. But when the 'obe called Oregon comes up—a big fellow he is—other arrangements are made. Oregon is a bad actilr. . . . And he took a fancy to Pddy the Pig's silk shirt.

The story is rich with hobo slang. "Pinch" is used to mean "steal" as is also "glom." "Cut" means a "helping." The cops are contemptuously called "whittlers," whether from the propensity of the small town cop to

whittle or not I cannot say, but for whatever reason, effectively so called. An open freight car by which Paddy the Pig means to go to Denver is a "gondola." Read the story and see another side of hobo life.

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## ATTEND SPRING DEBATES

On Monday evening the annual spring debates will be given. For many weeks the debaters and their very able faculty advisors have been intensively studying the topic and are now ready to present the results of their efforts to the public. The least we as students of the school can do to show that we have any school spirit is to attend these debates. Most of us, however, do what we please in matters where the choice depends merely upon ourselves. Therefore, if we spend an evening for any particular event, we want to know what instruction or, more important, what pleasure will be derived thereby. With this thought in mind, the student will ask, "What instruction or pleasure can be derived from a debate?" This question is easily answered. The occasion to obtain in an hour's time the essential features of a subject of such general interest as The Intervention of the United States in Haiti, rarely presents itself. Much pleasure may also be derived from listening to a well-prepared debate. The spirit of controversy appeals to all.

## EGYPTIAN-EEERING

After numerous appeals to the student body for enlarged subscription to the school paper, we have arrived at a suggestion which might prove successful if the student body and faculty would work together and boost the idea. We have appealed to school-pride, school-spirit, and innumerable other school ideals and have had only half-hearted returns. Why not adopt a method which would serve both as an effective method of enlarging the subscription list of the Egyptian and as an instrument enabling the staff to put into the hands of each student his school paper?

The student upon registering is compelled to travel the rounds of the president's office, the business office, and the registrar's office. Why not pay an additional fifty cents then when a little more is not noticeable? This would save the student the time and effort and therefore the neglect of failing to purchase the paper later on. It would also encourage the staff to make the Egyptian even better than it is at present, for they would realize that the entire school is supporting them and their efforts.

## HOW ABOUT A COURSE IN JOURNALISM?

Have you ever wondered about the articles appearing in this, your college paper? Did you ever ask irritably why some writer did not follow more closely the dictates of good journalism? And then did you ever try to find a class of journalism in our curriculum? Most of the work on this paper is the result of native ability or the blessings of a kindly Muse. Budding journalists here must start wildly on a labyrinth of ideas without the benefits which class instruction can give. A well organized journalism class is a real need. It would not only aid in perfecting work but would create in the student body a deeper interest in their own paper. Our present course of study is one which has been carefully planned by the administrative body but it is believed that it can be more fully rounded out by the addition of this practical course.

## VALUE OF ALL FOOLS' DAY

All of us have survived another All Fools' Day—how narrowly some will never know. What after eating "spiked" candy and fruit, after reaching for automatically vanishing pocket-books, and after doing innumerable other such foolish tricks, we wonder what part of our good nature and sportsmanship is left.

April Fool's Day serves as a valuable factor in development of character, however strenuous the remedy. We learn a valuable lesson—how to take a joke. If we can laugh with our tormentor, we may thereby prevent him from laughing at us and more than that, we may exert a wholesome influence on any lookers-on by receiving the jest or otherwise foolish trick in good grace instead of revealing our enraged pride. Furthermore, we should not check anyone's worthy desire to act naturally—a situation that April 1st provides for.

## Echoes and Re-echoes From Our Campus

A certain upperclassman seems to have difficulty in spelling the word, "Baptist." If anyone has an idea as to how to make him remember this difficult word, he will be more than glad if that person will communicate said idea with greatest possible expediency.

We have recently had word that Miss Mabel Moore, formerly of S. I. N. U. is now with Flo Ziegfeld's band of select beauties. Miss Moore will be remembered by the students here as a very popular young lady, and uncommonly attractive. Echoes and Re-echoes wishes to extend to her its heartiest congratulations.

Ione Rayburn mysteriously disappeared from S. I. N. U. campus yesterday a. m. She was last seen talking to a tall man who smiled engagingly as he spoke. Much excitement has been caused by this incident. . . . But we feel sure Ione will soon return.

Miss Thelma Brandon is doing a life-size portrait of Charles M. Benson. This is for a contest being sponsored by Miss Emma Francis of the commercial department.

## Training 'em Right

Miss Eva Oliver has contracted to teach the primary department at Boskydell this coming year. It is understood the board of directors fell under the spell of Miss Olive's bewitching eyes, referring rapturously to them as soul windows—and immediately tendered her the position in order that their charges be given full benefit of early training in using those divine orbs.

One of the regular attendants of the young people's mid-day prayer meetings recently returned an automatic pencil he purloined from a certain person here in school. . . . All of which goes to prove even the mid-day prayer meeting is doing some good.

Anna Murray, H. S. queen, is looking for a tall man to answer to the name of Raymond. He is to play the leading role in her new melodrama, Broadway Knights.

Mary Dillinger is as famous as Scotland Yards—she always gets her man.

Pauline Dillinger has recently been observed near a certain hardware store here in town. Well, with the coming of good weather, one has to replenish the supply of rakes, lawn mowers, and the like.

A street urchin ran up to an elderly gentleman and said to him, "Hey, mister, didya lose a wallet?"

"Why, yes, bud, I believe I did," answered the older one, before he had even felt in his pockets. "Why, did you find it?"

"No," responded the tot cheerfully "I just wanted to see how many have lost th-ins. You're the thirty-first today."

Recently the French celebrated the four hundredth anniversary of the doughnut. We believe we had that doughnut for breakfast the other morning.

Our idea of a young man truly going down in defeat is one with falling arches.



## THE SPHINX KNOWS:

What the shrill whistle in front of the sorority at 10:02 p. m. last Thursday night meant.

Who thinks "gentleman friend" is a dignified term for the young man who comes a-calling.

What medical student wrote to his girl that he was working on a woman's neck but that the job was very disappointing because she was quite unresponsive.

What girl stays awake night and weeps over, for, and, about "Porky" Hall.

Who got an April fool letter with a five dollar bill in it—and nothing else.

Who thinks "Cuss" Wilson is by far the best looking man on the campus and says so on frequent occasions.

Who told Carmen Dickey that his brain children were all orphans.

## AND WONDERS:

Why Pat Randall turned a double somersault, skinned his left elbow, and almost stood on his right eye-brow: all for the sake of a small penny pencil last Wednesday afternoon.

Why Mary Bruce and Naomi Gray were dashing blithely about the campus Tuesday at 6:15 p. m. singing, "I Am a Little Birdie, Spring is Here."

If Verl Monacle, like the lamented John Doe, ever suserated in chapel. And if so, who to, under what condition, and why.

Why they put the only bench on the campus under an ear light in front of a mud puddle.

To whom Smith said, "Let's embark in my trunk cover."

## Goats a la Mode

Our old friends, the Goat Girls, were favored with a dissertation by Miss Hepzibah Hey on "Knowing What to Do." Miss Hey stressed the importance of being a perfect lady. "When you are dressing for a ball, wipe the mascara from your cheeks and the lip-stick from your eyes. If you possibly can, wear black, preferable in a delicate pastel shade. Be sure to act sophisticated. Bare your soul to the first person you corner. Of course be sure that it isn't your real soul; anyone's will do, just so it involves a past. If you get in a tight place, and the nonchalant air doesn't work, swoon. But whatever you do, remember that you are sworn against tenderness. As for me, I would as soon think of promiscuous kissing and public caressing as I would of washing dishes or taking a bath in the living room." With a defiant glare through her horn-rimmed specs, she stomped her foot, clenched her fists, and pointed a pistol at her heart.

Best Advice to Silent Sufferers  
To Bohinx:  
I am taking Rhetoric. What untold worlds of sadness are embodied there! We are led by well-meaning souls, to believe that all is at the best in this worst of all possible worlds. One can understand the advisability if the purifying and humbling effect Rhetoric has on the freshman, but one's very soul revolts at the idea of a sophomore's being subjected to this humiliating state of affairs. That the sophomore in all

his glory should be stricken, laid low, disabled, thus depriving the world of his incalculable services and the Egyptian of a feature writer, is inconceivable. I cry aloud against instruments of darkness which have made it so. There is no justice.

Bitterly yours,

A Stricken Sophomore

Dear Stricken:

Though your letter bringing tidings of a rhetoric-oppression was saddened me greatly, I was glad to receive it. (Gasp I say, because others me an opportunity to alleviate your suffering. The result, I warn you, can be only partial, so no amount of canting on the ultimate good achieved by all earthly measures can relieve the discomfort caused by "Thomas, Manchester and Scott's crises or the pseudo-wise-cracks of certain Mr. Chestnut. Only Time the Great Healer, can obliterate the ravage of periods of hibernating under shockingly unfavorable conditions, including the watchful eye of a member of the English department and the painful glare proceeding from unshaded windows.

But to proceed: The advantage of the course, insofar as sophomores are concerned, consists in the acquiring of poise under difficult circumstances and learning by first-hand observation, the working, if any, of the freshman mind.

We will take a hypothetical case: By some diabolical twist of fate, or perhaps an extra cup of coffee for breakfast, the instructor is inspired, figuratively speaking, to call for an assignment given some time back in the dear, dead days, exact date unknown. The callow freshman turns pale, perhaps even wan; his eye comes glazed with terror; he mumbles something about not having prepared. Does the sophomore beside him respond in like manner? Ah, no! True greatness asserts itself. He strikes an attitude of outraged genius, fixes the unfortunate instructor with a permeating eye, and, in awe-inspiring tones asserts, "That assignment could not have been given; I have no note of it." Does the instructor tell the pioneer to take a zero and begone, she cares not whither? Ah, no! You are wrong again. Her eye loses its purposeful gleam, her hand, once so firm, trembles, her proud spirit is broken, a pitiful quiver is heard is her voice as she murmurs submissively, "I suppose I was mistaken. Please pardon the error." Like a sapling in the tempest, like a fawn stricken by the huntsman's arrow, she has bent to the will of destiny.

This is only a mild example of the ends which may be achieved by a self-respecting sophomore. The course combines all the disadvantages offered by correspondence courses advertised in the "American Magazine"—builds up the personality, you know; speeds up the massive intellect.

And now you surely feel placated for what seemed but a short time ago needless suffering. The crystal forth tells that you are overjoyed by that reply, that you will swallow this advice, and that you can scarcely wait to try it out. Also that you will promptly be withered, squelched, rendered inaudible and nearly invisible—perhaps even kicked out of class.

Yours,  
The Sphinx.

Master of the House: I thought I told you not to tell my wife what time I came in last night.

The Maid: I didn't tell her. I told her I was too busy getting breakfast to look at the clock.

## Socratic Society Gives One-Act Play, "The Red Owl"

The Socratic Literary Society gave one of its best one-act plays Wednesday evening. The play was called The Red Owl. It was a crook story, and a melodrama. The cast was: Orville Alexander, Arthur Trammell, Oliver Press, Opal Kern, and Guy Neal. Alexander played the part of a crook, the brother of Miss Kern. Miss Kern's husband, Trammell, has a packet containing a million dollars or so which he found it necessary to keep over night. This was a rather dangerous proceeding he knew full well. But then something had to be done. He sent away all the servants. One could never tell when a servant was doing right. And Charles (Oliver Press) had made a remark that made Trammell distrustful.

When all the servants were gone Miss Kern, in order to quiet her husband's nerves—he became very nervous on seeing the red owl which his wife's brother had sent only that evening. The owl's red eyes burning into his soul, haunted him. When Miss Kern gave him some sleeping tablets and put him to sleep. Then came Alexander, the crook, and demanded that she give him the money. He got the money. Then came Neal, the policeman. A call by a neighbor had been sent in to headquarters. While the cop went to arouse the husband, Alexander, still with the money in his possession, raced from the door. Miss Kern followed, getting a revolver as she rushed past a table. She shot the crook and restored the money to its rightful owner. . . . But today (Thursday) unless our eyes mislead us, we have seen that murdered man running over the Main Building in an airy manner—as airy

## NORMAL PAPER RECEIVES THIRD IN TEACHERS COLLEGE SECTION

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ally high rating. The sports stories were proportionate to other news; they were mostly factual, the feature stories were good, and while observing the language of sport they avoided the use of cheap slang.

The advertising material was generally arranged in symmetrical form and the small and large ads were properly arranged.

The commission decided that the paper was apparently the work of the students, that it was fairly representative of the school, and that it was good advertising for the school.

There was a smaller list of items that were much less favorable. One of the papers sent in to the Association contained a picture which faced outside instead of in; the sport page did not contain enough boxes; the leads were not sufficiently comprehensive; the news was timely but not always written in timely style; no ads were on the editorial page but they were not distributed evenly enough upon the other pages. The latter criticism is explained by the fact that the financial condition of the paper is such that we must place the ads where the advertisers wish them.

The Egyptian expects to profit greatly from the above suggestions and by following them judiciously to make the paper much better.

as if he is not real.

There were other numbers, too. Next week's play is The Mayor and the Manicure. We understand there is some thoroughly modern stuff in this little drama that is being presented by the Socratics at 7:00 p. m.

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## STRUT AND FRET PLANS TO DEDICATE NEW ROOM

The Strut and Fret had one of its most entertaining programs Thursday evening. Lena Mosley, continuing the present plan of study of the dramatization of short plays, read a short play from one of the current magazines—A Hundred in the Dark.

Mary Colombo sang two lovely Italian songs before Marian Harris reviewed the theatre guild play, Metecor.

The remainder of the evening was spent in making plans for the visit on Thursday, April 5, of Mrs. Samuel Scott of St. Louis and New York. Mrs. Scott is known all over the world as an authority on drama. On one of her visits to Europe she had the unusual distinction of interviewing the elusive George Bernard Shaw.

"Iceland," said the teacher, "is about as large as Siam."

"Iceland," wrote Willie, afterward, "is about as large as teacher."

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## GAMBLERS

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advanced remarkably.

Having concluded with the most outstanding features I regret to say that the manager has been kept busy the past week, picking up bits of thread and string in an effort to observe Lint.

And now in closing let me impress on you this one last thought.

## INTRODUCTION

As I had nothing to do I thought I'd write the above article; and as I have nothing to say, I will continue—but keep your shirt on. I found I had to rewrite this article or furnish a column of diagrams and necessary explanation. In my first effort I employed blank mirth and it was indeed hilariously funny. I grew weaker and weaker as I continued to explain. Much of it has been carried over and for your benefit full notes and explanations will follow.

In taking up my subject, The Obelisk, let me first explain its significance. This great masterpiece, found in New England, and made immortal by Shakespeare's "Great Stone Face," stands near some stately oil wells owned by Pyramids. It is sixty-three feet tall with a human head and first came into prominence by cracking that old joke about the four-legged animal who used only three in the evening. It was given the name Obelisk because of its fleshiness. Unfortunately the word has degenerated and is now called Obese.

The name Obelisk was chosen for the school publication back in the old days when curves were at their best and it is satisfying to know that the book has not outlived its time.

Another reason for this choice lies in the fact that only an Obese-dead individual is foolish enough to undertake such an undertaking without first consulting an undertaker. I wear 6-7-8 hat and weigh, since my operation, only 148 pounds.

In reading this article my following (pardon the optimism) will notice the absence of several very clever paragraphs. Unfortunately these were misplaced and not found until after the MS had gone to the printers.

INFERIORITY COMPLEX  
OVERCOME IN 560 WORDS

## More Truth Than Poetry

I guess almost any intelligent person can have an inferiority complex. Anyway when Mr. Ed Ibor asked me one day to furnish 560 words for this paper by the following day, why I felt just like—well—er—most any wife's husband. However my lack of confidence was soon conquered as I thought of the next class. Words (560 words by tomorrow). Why that's just what we were studying in Rhetoric and I remember one writer even made up some words and got by with it. If I couldn't find 560 words by tomorrow, I'd be in a pretty bad shape.

I got so far as to divide the future 560 words into groups of synonyms under such heads as religion, marriage, war, hate, etc. With ten heads and fifty-six under each head, I'd come out just right; consequently I commenced to get ready to begin to arrange 560 words artistically. Words—Words! (sounds like Willie Baxter's little sister, doesn't it?) This ding-dong refrain ran through my head all day until I was mentally unable to define the word by evening. However to make a long story a little less boring I finally discovered words and arranged them in beautiful individual groups with caps and all and placed them in the drawer on time the next day. When the paper came out

Student Council Hot on  
Trail of "Prestige"

At a recent meeting of the campus legislative body several significant questions were discussed. After a roll call, to which each of the members answered with an original phrase describing his surprise at being there, the questions were introduced and the members were asked to sleep on them while an address, "Early Cheepings on Campus Bird-Life" was being given by Mr. Theodore Thompson.

After a refreshing siesta a vote was taken. Slips of paper, each an affirmative and negative vote, were passed among the members. Those not having sling-shots, rolled their ballots neatly into balls and flipped them into a convenient corner of the room. All questions were declared settled and all acts carried by the president, who arrived at this point.

All the members were in perfect accord; some of them were so agreeable as to be almost hysterical. They declared that they believed the action to be one of the most important in years. They were so fortunate as to meet Mr. Carmen Dickey in the foyer. The prominent lobbyist was looking his usual self. Mr. Dickey is a handsome man but one doesn't mind it after one knows him. We are proud to state that we were able to obtain an opinion from him on the event which had just transpired. "The United States Senate," said Mr. Dickey, "never has and probably never will know a session quite like it." Here Mr. Dickey tucked the red plush cushion which he always carries on such occasions firmly under his arm. "The legislation just put through will have a lasting effect on relief in the far East and the Hot Dog Evil."

The more important enactments were recorded on the back of a 1914 telephone directory as follows:

1. All persons wishing to entertain friends (or enemies) or repay social obligations during inclement weather may do so in the Auditorium provided they furnish their own refreshments and return all phonograph records to the Business Office immediately.

2. Classes in Elementary or Advanced Construction who are making Easter baskets must take care in placing them on the lawn east of the Library. It is necessary that these directions be strictly adhered to, since the remainder of the campus will be utilized for the annual faculty egg hunt; even the remainder of the County may be needed.

3. Interpretative dancing classes are not to use the lawn on a fifty foot diagonal from the south-east corner of the sun dial for terpsichorean purposes between the hours of 9 a. m. and 3 p. m., since the noise disturbs the slumbers of Abe Martin at the University Cafe.

4. Certain students whom we will designate by X (although they are known) are prohibited from moving the indicator on the caliope at the University Cafe after the nickel depositor has turned his back. If he doesn't know any better than to play "Happy Days" that's his business and your bad luck.

5. All prospective members of the Chamber of Commerce must first be vaccinated for real modern business methods, future industrial standards and growing manufacturing centers respectively. The casual agents of all these diseases are prolific in these parts and at this time of year.

A few days later, I spent the rest of my time picking out the 560 words which I had faithfully contributed to the paper.

## Bed Time Story

Bon jour, nos jeunes lecteurs! Aujourd'hui je vous ai choisi un bon morceau de lecture. C'est une petite vivante, animée, coloree, etc. N'etes-vous pas contents? Eh bien! Ecoutez de ouïe oreille:

"Un jour, une jeune fille se promenait seule avec un chat noir sur les trottoirs d'Algiers. Elle s'appelait Bobinette et—" Comment? vous n'aimez pas le nom Bobinette? Eh bien—Celestine, comment cela vous plait-il? Non? Taisez-vous donc, si vous ne voulez pas que me taise a mon tour!

Poursuivons: ".... Celestine s'arreta subitement. Devant elle, sur une immense place, il y eut une foule de gens; blancs, noirs, bruns—toutes les notions a peu pres. On se battait. La pauvre petite fille s'ecria a haute voix: ".... He! Arrêtez-vous! Est-ce que vous croyez des joueurs de baseball? Cessex cette of royable bataille et je vous raconterai des contes des fees!

Tout de suite, on cessa de se battre et tout le monde se repandit pelemelle autour de la jeune Celestine. Alors, elle, leur repeta l'histoire de la Petite Cape-Rouge. L'oratoire ecoutait, l'esprit soisi de terreur et de joie; quelquefois on pleura. Quand la diense arriva a la fin et dit: Et le bucher coupa la tete du mauvais loup d'un seul coul de hache! On eclata de sangloter.

"Où du guter, lieblicher Wolf!" dit l'Allemand.

"Ya hsara! Ya harem!" gemit un Arabe crotte.

"She sara, sara—" murmura philosophiquement un Neapolitain, tandis que son compagnon, un Grec de Saloniki, s'ecria d'un ton vindictif: "Pio agallia! Den agapo touto! Philomou—" en se mettant debout et s'adressant aux autres—" sas parakallo—etc."

A la fin de cette harangue magnifique, tout le monde s'eleva et se precipita sur Celestine, la decירה en mille—non! dix mille—morceaux, et les jeta dans la jonte publique.

"Viva el lobo, rey de los animales, amigo de los pobres, enemigo de los malos!" chantait joyeusement avec grace un juif espagnol. La nuit tombait; au loin le muezzin entonnait de sa tour: "Allah il Allah, Muhamed rasul Allah!

SIC SEMPER STULTIS! (Morale: Ne dites jamais de petites histoires a des Arabes ou des Grecs crotte!)

P. S.—They ate the cat!

"I am in the air forces at Pomonona."

"What do you mean by the air force?"

"I help blow up the footballs."

## EGYPTIAN TO BE EDITED

BY UNIVERSITY CLEAN-

ERS NEXT WEEK

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that have not been illuminated by weekly Light. Incidentally, a contract has been signed with the United Press by which each day cablegrams are to be sent to those newspapers and magazines that the U. P. supplies with news.

This is an unusual opportunity for those who will be favored, and they wish, hereby, to express their deep gratitude to all who have cooperated in making it possible.

During the absence of the staff from the Egyptian office the paper will be edited by the University Cleaners.

The vacation begins at midnight, March 31, 1930. It is expected that all staff members will be ready for work in the home office again not later than midnight, April 1, 1930. Some may be on duty the day before.

Mate: I thought you said your room was spotless!

Fourth: Yes, sir. Not a clean spot in it.

It would be fine if someone would invent soft rubber mouthpieces for telephones. Then when you get real mad at the phone, you could bite it.

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